

The charity receives eyeglass donations from across the country. Once received, these glasses have to be sorted, evaluated, cleaned, tagged, and then sorted and re-packaged so they can be tested by an ophthalmologist for prescription strength. After this process, they are then shipped or accompanied by missionaries to Africa for free distribution through the United Methodist Church to those in need.

—Garrett Herington

HONORING THE ST. LOUIS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Founded in 1911, the St. Louis Society for the Blind has served the St. Louis community for the past 100 years. In those 100 years, they have been an asset to our city's blind and visually impaired citizens. They serve over 1500 individuals each year, providing them with training, vision rehabilitation, and educational and

support services; not just at home, but in their community and place of employment.

The Society does not limit their assistance to adults with visual impairments. They are also invaluable to the education of our visually impaired youth. Working within our public schools, the society facilitates learning, not just at an academic level, but at a personal level as well. They give our children the skills they need to have the independence and self-esteem that is so vital to the development of a child.

I want to thank the Society for all of its contributions to the people of St. Louis, and its continued efforts to make St. Louis a great place to live for the visually impaired. I know that the first 100 years were just the beginning, and that the next 100 will be just as successful.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 6

9:15 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine state and local perspectives on transportation.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of the accounting profession in preventing another financial crisis.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Health Programs.

SD-192

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on the crisis in Libya.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, focusing on government perspectives on protecting privacy in the digital age.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

1:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the census, focusing on learning lessons from 2010 and planning for 2020.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strategic systems in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-232A

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids and stimulants.

SD-138

3 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of community banking, focusing on opportunities and challenges.

SD-538

APRIL 7

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine Department of Energy biofuel programs and biofuel infrastructure issues, including S. 187, to provide for the expansion of the biofuels market.

SD-366

Appropriations

Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration and the future of housing finance.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219 at approximately 11:15 a.m.

SD-192

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, and Jenni Rane LeCompte, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 410, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 627, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, S. 394, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Esther Salas, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, J. Paul Oetken, and Paul A. Engelmayer, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

SD-226

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Small Business Administration programs, focusing on eliminating inefficiencies, duplications, and fraud and abuse.

SR-428A

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense and the Department of Navy.

SD-124

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine combating human trafficking in Asia.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and S. 676, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the role of SBA 8(a) Program in enhancing economic development in Indian Country.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on progress at the local level.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 11

4 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for